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Introduction

Warwick Law School has enjoyed a very successful year. As a School we were pleased with our REF result, demonstrating the internationally excellent quality of much of our research, the vibrant research environment in which we work and the range of ways in which our work engages with non-academic communities. We came 10th nationally, 7th in terms of our outputs and 6th for our research environment. In the spring of 2015, we hosted the Socio-Legal Studies Association national conference. As a law in context School, this was an important event for us and Warwick’s excellent team of organisers made this the most popular SLSA conference ever, with more than 450 delegates attending over 40 streams of papers. We also held the third of our own annual Law School conference series Not Just Law in 2014, with more than 50 presentations by Law School staff and doctoral researchers. This was an excellent event, and an enjoyable way to showcase our work and exchange ideas.

Our Centres have thrived over this last year. The Centre for Human Rights in Practice (CHRP) and the Criminal Justice Centre (CJC) each appointed post-doctoral researchers to work with colleagues on a range of projects and to develop public engagement and funded work. Alongside its research reports and policy engagement, the CHRP launched a new online magazine, Lacuna, which has enjoyed great success and its editor in residence has been shortlisted for the Orwell Prize. The CJC continues to carry out a variety of funded research, and as a result of increased collaboration with faculty and doctoral researchers in psychology, the Centre ran a successful series of law and psychology seminars and lectures. The last twelve months also saw the establishment of two new Centres. The Centre for the Law, Regulation and Governance of the Global Economy (GLOBE) has been very active during its first year, running a number of seminars, lectures and a workshop jointly organised with the universities of Amsterdam and Antwerp. Working with colleagues across a number of disciplines, our new cross-faculty Centre for Operational Policing Research (COPR) has begun to two major empirical research projects in collaboration with several police forces and is increasing its membership across the University.

Our doctoral students have also enjoyed success – presenting their work at a range of conferences and workshops, as well as publishing their research. We were very proud of Titilayo Adebola, who received a special mention for her poster Implementing Obligations under Article 27.3(b) of TRIPS in the Global South at the 2015 SLSA conference. Our undergraduate students are also active in a number of projects and they collaborated with Monash students in a one day undergraduate research conference.

At the heart of our research endeavours are the ways in which we communicate our work. Colleagues have produced an impressive collection of monographs (some prize-winning), edited collections, reports, articles and working papers. But we have also brought people together – scholars, practitioners, policy-makers and the public – to ensure that our work is communicating to a range of audiences. We have held international conferences on our work (such as the CJC’s Women in War and at War and Access to Counsel conferences) and continued to engage with our Monash colleagues (such as the CJC and CHRP Access to Justice project); convened seminar series (such as the Modern Law Review seminar Constitutionalism(s) post 2008); held workshops (such as the one day workshop Engaging Citizens in Fighting Corruption in the EU and the CHRP’s Using Human Rights and Equality Legislation to Monitor, Analyse and Challenge Welfare Benefit Sanctions); the international nature of our research is well:

established, but increasingly, colleagues are engaged in interdisciplinary research, such as the Post-Disaster, Post-conflict, Post-Crisis? Interdisciplinary Exploration of Governing through ‘Post’ workshop organised through the Global Governance GRP and the Institute for Advanced Studies. Interdisciplinary research also informs our recently established Law with Humanities degree and all of our students are offered a range of modules such as Shakespeare and the Law, Cultural Heritage Law and Law on Screen. The University has an established Global Research Priorities (GRP) programme to foster interdisciplinary work across the campus and Law colleagues are taking a leading role in two of these GRPs.

As a law in context School, engagement with policy-makers, practitioners and key sections of society is integral to much of our research. Our work is cited in legal cases and Law Commission reports, and government Ministries and Parliamentary Select Committees draw on our research and call upon us for expert evidence in the process of legal scrutiny and reform. We advise NGOs, foreign governments, EU advisory committees, UN Working Groups and we present our work to a range of practitioner groups in the UK and internationally. We also communicate our work through different media – press, radio and television, but also expert forums, blogs and social media, which have proved to be very effective, reaching thousands of readers.

In addition to our own endeavours, we have also engaged with a wide range of scholars and practitioners through our thriving research seminar series and public lectures, as well as our international visitors programme. Weekly research seminars have become an important way for the School to engage individually and collectively with a broad range of ideas. Our students were especially inspired by lectures from the Rt. Hon. the Baroness Hale of Richmond, Deputy President of the Supreme Court and Judge Howard Morrison CBE QC from the International Criminal Court. We have placed special emphasis on developing our postgraduate researchers, with a writing workshop, a workshop on empirical methodologies and funding workshops for staff and doctoral students.

We have enjoyed considerable success in obtaining research funding for projects from the British Academy, the ESRC, Nuffield, the IFRF, the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange and the European Commission, as well as prestigious Leverhulme Fellowships, a Fulbright award and the appointment of a special adviser to the Law Commission. These projects involve colleagues collaborating with researchers from other jurisdictions and other disciplines, demonstrating the breadth of our research scholarship.

In sum, the Law School has much to be proud of and we look forward to working on new projects and collaborating with new colleagues at home and across the globe.

Professor Jacqueline Hodgson
Director of Research
Research Centres

The Centre for Human Rights in Practice brings together researchers whose work continues to achieve significant impact across academic and non-academic audiences. The Centre’s website is averaging more than 2,000 hits per week. A post-doctoral research fellow was appointed in 2015.

Applied Research Projects

Human Rights, Equality and the Public Spending Cuts

- Produced a report on the impact of welfare benefit sanctions in Coventry (with Coventry Law Centre, Coventry Citizen’s Advice Bureau, and Coventry Women’s Voices).
- Re-launched, in January 2015, an online database for human rights and equality analysis of the public spending cuts. It has been accessed over 8,000 times in the last 5 months.
- Wendy Eades started a collaborative ESRC PhD studentship in October 2014 with Coventry City Council investigating the human rights impact of welfare reform.
- Good Practice Building Blocks for Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessments: In April 2014 the Scottish Human Rights Commission and the Equality and Human Rights Commission (Scotland) launched a set of resources for equality and human rights impact assessment. James Harrison, designed the 10 good practice building blocks for assessing impact. This work was supported by the Scottish Government, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), NHS Health Scotland, Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People, the Scottish Councils Equality Network, Police Scotland, the Scottish Prison Service, Audit Scotland, Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) and others.
- Funding of Legal Advice Services - In October 2012, Natalie Byrom began an ESRC-Funded Collaborative PhD, involving CHRP and the Law Centres Federation, examining the impact of the cuts to civil legal advice services, for which she produced several reports. The Centre, the Criminal Justice Centre and Monash University held workshops in Warwick and Monash on the funding of legal aid in Australia and the UK, and launched a project website in 2014.
- Building Blocks for Improving Human Rights Education within Initial Teacher Education in Scotland: In February 2015 the Centre published a report by member Alison Struthers, which was launched at Strathclyde University, Glasgow, on a panel with Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Global Education Adviser at Scotdec.

Impact and Public Engagement

- Lacuna Magazine: Lacuna (www.lacuna.org.uk) is an online human rights magazine launched in spring 2014. Lacuna’s writer-in-residence, investigative journalist Rebecca Oyekami, was shortlisted for the prestigious 2015 George Orwell Prize for Journalism. “The foodbank dilemma” by James Harrison attracted widespread media attention, was re-published in New Statesman and Open Democracy and praised by writer of “The Thick of It” Armando Iannucci.
- Warwick Summit on Protest - In January 2015, the Centre initiated an independent process to explore the future of protest at Warwick University, as a result of high profile incidents in relation to protest on the university campus in December 2014. It included a university-wide survey in relation to protest open to all staff and students, a summit on protest to discuss the key findings of the survey and a final report outlining a series of recommendations.
- The impact of benefit sanctions on people in Coventry: In September 2014 the Centre published a report by member Mary-Ann Stephenson carried out in partnership with Coventry Law Centre, Coventry Citizen’s Advice Bureau and Coventry Women’s Voices. The findings of the report were presented to the City Council’s Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee in October.
- The Writing Wrongs Project - It has brought together academics, journalists, writers and students from a wide range of disciplines in a number of different events over the year and provided the foundations for Lacuna. Centre co-director and Lacuna editor-in-chief Andrew Williams was awarded the 2013 George Orwell Prize for his book ‘A Very British Killing: The Death of Baha Mousa’ (Guardian review). It has been followed by a cover story for Newsweek magazine ‘Torture and the British Army’ published in its Christmas/New Year edition 2014.
- EU Justice Project - Andrew Williams has worked with leading EU scholars to launch a new series of debates on the EU’s Justice Deficit. To launch an edited collection of essays by EU scholars (Europe’s Justice Deficit? Hart Publishing, 2015), a public debate between former Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato and Professor Christian Joerges was held in June 2015 at the LSE.
- 3 students engaged on the Equality, Human Rights and the Cuts Database project
- 3 students engaged on the Coventry Women’s Voices Project

Student Engagement

The Centre provides invaluable work experience for a huge range of undergraduate students:

- Death penalty summer internships programme in the USA (10 in 2015, 12 in 2014)
- Death penalty attorney support programme (remote) (30+ students each year)
- Social media publicity assistants for Lacuna magazine (5 students)
- Student co-ordinators for Lacuna magazine (5 students)
- Contributors to Lacuna magazine (15 students)
- 15 volunteers working with Coventry Law Centre asylum and immigration team
- 3 students engaged on the Equality, Human Rights and the Cuts Database project
- 3 students engaged on the Coventry Women’s Voices Project

In summer 2015 the Centre will host its first student intern through the 8-week Warwick Undergraduate Internship Programme (WUIP) scheme.

Philip Kaisary will hold the Fulbright fellowship at Vanderbilt University’s Law School and the Robert Penn Warren centre for the Humanities.

Project title: “From the Haitian Revolution to Appomattox: Law, Slavery, and Citizenship in the Atlantic World, 1791–1865”

My project will focus on the constitutionalism of the Haitian Revolution (1791–1804) and the interpretative archive it generated in the United States through 1865. I will explore Haiti’s early constitutions in order to examine how the former slaves of Saint Domingue sought to codify in law their vision of freedom. My project will thereby provide a more complete critical picture of how constitutionalism, nationality, and citizenship is figured in the jigsaw puzzle of Haitian, US, and Atlantic politics in this period, arguing that the birth of the world’s first black republic generated an enduring ideological inheritance and blazed a radicaltrail long into the 19th century Atlantic world.
Criminal Justice Centre

The Criminal Justice Centre (CJC) is an interdisciplinary research centre dedicated to bringing together staff and PGRs researching various aspects of criminal law and justice.

The CJC has thrived on the interdisciplinary richness of its members’ research interests and this is reflected in its research and public engagement activities. Details of the full range of research, events and publications can be found on the Centre’s website.

Over the course of the past year the CJC hosted a range of seminars and public lectures on issues ranging from the death penalty to victims of international crimes. Warwick and visiting doctoral researchers have presented their work and public lectures have been delivered by Prof Mika McConville, formerly of Warwick, and by Judge Howard Morrison CBE, QJ, of the International Criminal Court. The Centre also organised a very successful law-psychology series that included seminars given by external and Warwick academics as well as practitioners. This reflects the growing collaboration between these two disciplines, evidenced most recently through a jointly supervised PhD student, researching the impact of early and late police disclosure of evidence. The Centre enjoys close links with Monash University and has collaborated on a project addressing the impact of legal aid cuts in England and Wales and in Victoria, with conferences held in both jurisdictions in 2014 (Jackie Hodgson, Asher Flynn). Ana Aliverti has also collaborated with Monash on the Borders, Migration and Sovereignty project, with a workshop in Warwick in 2014 and Monash in 2015. The CJC was also host to a major international comparative criminal justice conference on Access to Counsel that was convened by CJC director Jackie Hodgson in May 2015. The CJC is a hive of innovative empirical and theoretical research on many aspects of the criminal justice field. CJC researchers are proactively examining new and emerging issues of academic enquiry and policy relevance. Current projects include research on: the impact of prisoner penfriend schemes on prisoner well-being (Jackie Hodgson and Juliet Horne), foreign nationals in the criminal justice system (Ana Aliverti), criminal justice theory and guilt (Alan Norrie), safeguards for juvenile suspects during police interrogations in five EU jurisdictions (Jackie Hodgson), the human rights implications of social deprivation (Kimberley Brownlee) and the ethical lives of combatants (Victor Tadros). The successful obtainment of external research funding stands as a testament to the value of these research projects; ongoing projects have been supported by the British Academy Rising Star Engagement Award (Ana Aliverti Feb 2015) and the prestigious Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowship grants (Norrie and Tadros both in 2014). These projects build on previous CJC research that has been recognised externally for its excellence; in May 2014 Ana Aliverti was awarded the British Society of Criminology book award for Crimes of mobility while this was followed by Rebecca Probert being awarded the British Association for Local History’s Publication Award for 2014 for her original article ‘A Banbury Story’.

CJC researchers have also been key contributors to public and policy debates on criminal justice. The ethos of the CJC in seeking to expand its research ‘beyond academia’ has seen the CJC actively immerse itself in wider public engagement, seeking to positively influence debate, policy and practice through the research and expertise cumulatively offered by its members. Solange Mouthaan attended the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict. Jackie Hodgson provided expert witness evidence to a Justice Select Committee hearing on the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) in January 2015. This followed on from an earlier written CJC/Warwick Law School submission to the same committee. Jackie Hodgson also provided expert commentary on prisoners’ victim rights and was elected Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences in March 2014. Alan Norrie addressed 600 students, academics, politicians and practitioners at a seminar linked to the peace process in Bogota in September 2014. CJC researchers Solange Mouthaan and Kimberley Brownlee have also provided expert commentary on the International Criminal Court (ICC) case of Jean-Pierre Bemba Gombo and the Julian Assange extradition case respectively.

Our doctoral students have also enjoyed success, delivering excellent conference presentations at the SLSA and the Access to Counsel conferences and having their work published. Two of our students, Alemu Meheretu and Yu Mou have successfully defended their theses. Congratulations!

Globe

The Centre for the Law, Regulation and Governance of the Global Economy (GLOBE) was established in March 2014.

It is a research centre established under the auspices of the Law School’s Legal Research Institute (LRI). Although the centre has its own Co-Directors and a Steering Group, it was designed to operate under the general direction of and be accountable to the LRI, the Research Director and the Research Committee. The Steering Group for the centre consists of Sam Adelman, Julio Faundez, John McElhenny, Dalvinder Singh and Celine Tan. John McElhenny and Celine Tan are the Co-Directors of the centre. Sundu Madise, currently works as the centre’s administrator, to assist the Law School Research Administrator in day-to-day operations and administrative tasks related to the centre.

The centre has been extremely active in its first year, and has organised various events during 2014-15: These include

- GLOBE Session at the Law School Research Seminar, 8 October 2014
- Lecture on ‘Debt and Human Rights: The Case of Financial Complicity’ by Juan Pablo Bohoslavsky, UN Independent Expert on the Effects of Foreign Debt and other Related International Financial Obligations of States on the Full Enjoyment of All Human Rights, 6 November 2014, 4pm - 5.30pm, discussant: Tim Jones from Jubilee debt Campaign, UK. Joint event with the Global Governance Global Research Priority (GGRP)
- Workshop on Rule of Law, Governance and Natural Resources, an activity of the Network on International Law, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development based at GLOBE, 22 - 23 January 2015, jointly organised with the Universities of Amsterdam and Antwerp.
- Keynote address ‘Reforming Global Economic Governance: Do Lawyers Have a Role?’ by Professor Danny Bradlow, Head of Policy Research at the Reserve Bank of South Africa, formerly Professor of Law, Washington College of Law and University of Pretoria, 28 April 2015.
- Plans are also being discussed to develop regular brown bag lunch meetings to discuss works in progress of centre members among other activities.

Centre for Operational Police Research

The Centre for Operational Police Research (COPR) is a cross-faculty centre, launched in the summer of 2014.

At the centre we are building interdisciplinary links between Law and Behavioural Science. Our December networking lunch was attended by academics from Law, Psychology, Warwick Business School, Politics & International Studies, Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies, Warwick Institute for the Science of Cities and the Centre for Cyber Security in Warwick Manufacturing Group.

The centre works with police forces from across England, and we have current projects with States of Jersey Police, Nottinghamshire Police, West Midlands Police, and the Metropolitan Police.

The first of our joint seminar series with the Criminal Justice Centre was on interviewing suspects. We were joined by two leading researchers in the field of psychology and the law, Professor Ray Bull (Professor of Criminal Investigation at the University of Derby and Emeritus Professor of Forensic Psychology at the University of Leicester) and Professor Paul Taylor (Professor of Psychology at the University of Lancaster and Professor of Human Interaction at Twente University). We have submitted a £1 million grant to the Police Innovation Fund on the theme of Policing at the Cyber Frontier in collaboration with the Centre for Cyber Security, and several other project grants are being developed.
Warwick Monash - Conference of UG research
University of Warwick, March 2014
Jane Bryan organised a Warwick-Monash conference of undergraduate Research in March 2014 where undergraduates presented their research via video link.

Access to Justice: A Comparative Analysis of the Cuts to the Civil and Criminal Legal Aid Systems in England, Wales and Victoria
University of Warwick, 19 March 2014; Monash University, July 2014
Within the framework of access to justice, these two workshops funded by the Warwick-Monash Alliance brought together leading academics and practitioners to consider: the changing face of the legal profession; the lawyer-client relationship; and the broader social consequences of the cuts. The workshops each resulted in an open access report and an edited collection (Flynn & Hodgson, Hart Publishing) will be published in 2016.

Empirical Methodologies in Law and Society Projects: Enhancing Research Practice
University of Warwick, 5 March 2014
This was a one day workshop organized by Ania Zbyszewska. This collaborative workshop considered empirical methodologies and methods in law and society research. Participants were invited to present a brief sketch of their research methodologies, questions, or dilemmas that might be considered in group discussion. The aims of the workshop were: 1) to reflect on what empirical social-legal research offers/ could potentially offer, 2) to support and strengthen understanding of empirical research methods within the socio-legal community; and 3) to foster international flow of ideas about socio-legal research practices. Among others, the workshop examined textual methods, mixed qualitative methods, ethnographies that can be used by researchers to investigate law, its discourses, and its practices in social, political, economic, and historic contexts.

Democracies in a system of differentiated integration
University of Warwick, 9 May 2014
Professor Frank Schimmelfennig from ETH, Zurich held a distinguished lecture on ‘Democracies in a system of differentiated integration’ and this was followed by a round table discussion with Mark Philip (History), Dora Kostakopoulou (Law) and Michael Saward (PAIS).

Hugh Beale and the Common European Sales Law
University of Warwick, 23 May 2014
The School of Law hosted a symposium in celebration of Professor Hugh Beale’s 66th birthday. Scholars from around the world gave presentations on Common European Sales Law and paying tribute to Hugh’s large influence in the field.

Authority and Political Technologies Research Group - International Conference
University of Warwick, 27 June 2014
Ilhan Wall organised this two day conference with Claire Blencowe from Sociology, University of Warwick. This conference internationally launched the Authority and Political Technologies research group, with over fifty papers and six keynote presentations from: Louise Armour (Durham); Costas Douzas (Birkbeck); Christian Borch (CBS Copenhagen), Amade M’charek (Amsterdam), Luciana Parisi and Abbas Alkhalef (Goldsmiths). Post-Disaster, Post-conflict, Post-Crisis: SFU School of Law's International Exploration of Governing through 'Post’
University of Warwick, 18 June 2014
Ilkan Wall organised this workshop, which was hosted by the University’s Global Governance “Global Research Priority” and the Institute for Advanced Studies. The event follows on from the away-day on Post-Conflict and Post Disaster Governance which took place on 29 January 2014. The workshop brought together researchers from different disciplines at Warwick and externally to deepen discussions for a collaborative project on ‘post’-governance. The project takes as a starting point, the contention that, despite disciplinary boundaries which separate the study of war, economy and disaster, important insights can be gained through an interdisciplinary exploration of the way that events are bounded by conceptions of temporality and responsibility where events are constituted through both anticipation and remembrance.

Global Governance is one of eight Global Research Priorities at the University of Warwick addressing through multidisciplinary research.

Modern Law Review Seminar, Constitutionalism(s) post 2008
University of Warwick, 27 June 2014
In June 2014 the Law School hosted an interdisciplinary workshop on ‘Constitutionalism(s) post 2008’ as part of the Modern Law Review seminar series. The event was organised by Dora Kostakopoulou, Abulali Palwala and Ralf Rogowski, and brought together a range of well-known international scholars working on political, societal, European and global constitutionalism. Papers are currently being prepared for publication.

Warwick Law School Conference - ‘Not Just Law III’
University of Warwick, 3-4 July 2014
On 3rd & 4th July 2014, Warwick Law School held the latest edition of its internal conference entitled “Not Just Law III,” which was held on campus at Scamar house.

Panels themes were eclectic, spanning the Law School’s wide range of teaching and research interests. A total of fifty presentations were split across five panels over the two days. However, it was not all work! At the end of the first day of proceedings, the conference participants enjoyed a barbecue and drinks and at the close of the conference drinks and lawn games were enjoyed by all.

Residential writing workshop for early career researchers
The University of Warwick, 8-12 September 2014
Sharifah Sekalala organised a week long writing workshop for PhDs and early career researchers, which was sponsored by the Law School. The aim of the workshop was to provide practical writing support for pieces of writing provided by the English department in order to promote good writing skills amongst early career researchers. During the course of the week, the workshop offered various interactive workshops on specific writing skills by senior academics in the law school, making choices between academic and non-academic careers, publishing books from respected law publishers as well as talk on how to reach non-academic audiences for greater research impact.

Women in war and at War
University of Warwick, 18-19 September 2014
Solange Mouthaan organised a two day conference to look at Women’s roles in war and how they are complex and varied. During the Arab Spring, women took to the streets protesting against oppressive regimes in North Africa and the Middle East. We are also witnessing a significant rise in female political activism during conflict: many women increasingly find the Internet, blogs and social media to be a useful tool to fight oppression, advocate change but also to report from war zones. Many women actively participate in combat, in regular armed forces but also as guerrillas and, freedom fighters. They are also compelled to fight as girl child soldiers.

This conference builds on the 2012 ‘Women in War and at War’ conference held at Aberystwyth University and is designed to focus in particular on recent developments in relation to women and war.

Public Life of Private Law
The University of Warwick, December 2014
The Final ESRC workshop for the ‘Public Life of Private Law’ which was co-organised by Ilhan Wall and Marjorie Snowdon from the University of Kent. This workshop was held in December 2014 at Warwick in the Shand. It was a drafting workshop, with speakers presenting on what they would be writing on for the book.

Workshop on the Rule of Law, Governance and Natural Resources
University of Amsterdam, 22-23 January 2015
Julio Faundez and Celine Tan organised this interdisciplinary Workshop on the Rule of Law, Governance and Natural Resources at the University of Amsterdam. The workshop was a follow-up to the Workshop on International Law, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development, held at Warwick from 11-13 September 2013 and was jointly organised by the GLOBE centre at the Warwick Law School and the Paul Scholten centre of Jurisprudence at the School of Law, University of Amsterdam, with support from the Law and Development Research Group at the Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp.
Public Lectures

Public lectures are organised by the Law School and research centres and are attended by staff and students from across the university, as well as being open to the public.

Dallal Stevens has commenced a major new research project entitled Access to Refugee Protection in the Middle East. It will provide the first comprehensive socio-legal examination of access to refugee protection in the Middle East. Taking as its starting point the meaning of “protection” in the asylum context, it will consider the plight of the non-Palestinian, as well as Palestinian, refugee in the region from a range of perspectives – historical, legal, political and ethical – and will seek to formulate an understanding of - and approach to - refugee protection that is humane, practical and enduring. As well as exploring the law and policy of the right to seek asylum in the region, Dallal will be conducting interviews with key stakeholders in Turkey, Jordan, Israel and Lebanon. The project will produce a significant monograph, Access to Refugee Protection in the Middle East and will be supported by a number of articles and papers to the wider academic and NGO communities.

28 November 2013: The Right Hon the Baroness Hale of Richmond Deputy President of The Supreme Court, ‘What’s the point of Human Rights?’
9 May 2014: Professor Frank Schimmelfennig ETH, Zurich, ‘Democracy in a system of differentated integration’
15 May 2014: Professor Alon Harel Hebrew University of Jerusalem ‘Why Constitutions matter? The case for robust Constitutionalism’
13 November 2014: Judge Howard Morrison CBE QC ‘The Future of International Criminal Justice’
18 February 2014: Professor Karen Yeung King’s College London, ‘The Regulatory State, the Management of Risk and Preventive Justice by Design’
3 March 2014: Professor Mike McConville the Chinese University of Hong Kong, ‘Criminal Judges – Legitimacy, Courts and State-Induced Guilty Pleas in Britain’
28 April 2015: Professor Danny Bradlow, SARCHI Professor of International Development Law and African Economic Relations, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria ‘Reforming Global Economic Governance: Do Lawyers Have a Role?’
Research seminars

The Law School holds weekly Research Seminar Series during term time, which colleagues and invited outside speakers have presented their research. Organised by John Snape, these seminars have provided a valuable opportunity for discussion and feedback.

8 January 2014: Dr Alun Gibbs
Southampton University, ‘The horizons of the constitution: Politeia, the political regime and the good’

15 January 2014: Dr Marta Ilijadica
Southampton University, ‘The legal regulation of graffiti writing and street art: producing a ‘clean’ and ‘healthy’ city’

17 January 2014: Dr Dimitrios Giannopoulos
Brunel Law School, ‘The exclusion of improperly obtained evidence in Anglo-American and continental law’

22 January 2014: Dr Andreja Zevnik
The University of Manchester, ‘Guantanamo: between legal and state trials in early modern Britain, c.1600-1800’

7 May 2014: Dr Andrea Sangiovanni, King’s College London, ‘Moral equality, respect and cruelty’

14 May 2014: Dr Stephen Humphreys
London School of Economics, ‘Theorising international environmental law’

21 May 2014: Professor Andrei Marmor
University of Southern California, ‘What is the right to privacy?’

28 May 2014: Professor Helen CatKent University, ‘A question of health and safety? Socio-legal reflections on the contemporary politics of housing space’

18 June 2014: Professor Sean Coyle
University of Birmingham

15 October 2014: Professor Antonia Layard
University of Bristol, ‘Six imaginaries of public space’

22 October 2015: Professor Benjamin Bowling
King’s College London and Estelle Marks, Oxford University, ‘Global policing and transnational law enforcement’

29 October 2014: Dr Christine Schoerb-Patel
University of Liverpool, ‘The ideal victim of international crime and the global victim industry’

12 November 2014: Professor Costas Douzinas
Birkbeck University, ‘Is there a right to revolution and resistance?’

19 November 2014: Dr Federico Ortino
King’s College London, ‘Investment treaties, sustainable development and reasonableness review’

26 November 2014: Dr Máríed Enright
University of Kent, ‘Imagining a new Irish abortion law’

3 December 2014: Dr John strawson
University of East London, ‘ISIS, the caliphate and Islamic law’

14 January 2015: Dr Lydia Hayes
University of Cardiff, ‘Calling time on poverty wages for homecare workers? The Care Act 2014 and the national minimum age’

21 January 2015: Dr Stephen Connelly
School of Law, University of Warwick, ‘The other conatus – Spinoza’s synthetic theory of natural right’

28 January 2015: Professor Douglas Harris
University of British Columbia, ‘Dissolving condominium, private takings and the nature of property’

4 February 2015: Alison Struthers
School of Law, University of Warwick, ‘Primary school children and Human Rights: a topic too sensitive to teach?’

18 February 2015: Dr Veronica Rodriguez Blanco
University of Birmingham, ‘Action in law’s empire: judging in the deliberative mood’

25 February 2015: David Howarth
Clare College, University of Cambridge, ‘Fort law as engineering: on the virtues of redundancy’

4 March 2015: Dr Sam Adelman
School of Law, University of Warwick, ‘Gas engineering, climate governance and climate justice’

11 March 2015: Professor Laurence Lustgarten
University of Oxford, ‘Controlling the arms trade: fundamental questions’

22 April 2015: Dr John Snape
School of Law, University of Warwick, ‘Investigating the effectiveness of Outcomes Focused Regulation (OFR) in respect of conflicts of interest in large law firm practice’

6 May 2015: Dr Magda Raczynska
University of East Anglia, ‘The other conatus – Spinoza’s synthetic theory of natural right’

12 May 2015: Professor Brandon L. Garrett
University of Virginia Law School, ‘The decline of the Virginia (and American) death penalty’

13 May 2015: Sundu Madise
School of Law, University of Warwick, ‘Mobile money and airtime: emerging forms of money’

17 June 2015: Michael Light
Purdue University, ‘Parishing the “others”: Citizenship and state social control in the United States and Germany’
Interdisciplinary work within the school

The Law school prides itself on its law in context approach to legal research and scholarship, which includes adopting an interdisciplinary approach. This is reflected in the research carried out by many staff and doctoral researchers, and in the range of modules and degrees that we are able to offer.

The School has developed an impressive profile in Law and Humanities; it offers degrees together with Sociology, Business, and the Humanities; it heads up two of the University’s Global Research Priority programmes; and it is developing research strength in Law and Psychology through the Criminal Justice Centre. A few colleagues here explain the value of interdisciplinary to their own work.

Jackie Hodgson has forged strong links with Psychology through the Criminal Justice Centre. The Centre hosted a Law and Psychology seminar series over the academic year 2014/15, examining the impact of deafness on miscarriages of justice; law and psychology approaches to understanding oral and written evidence; eyewitness identification procedures; the independence and reliability of evidence; alcohol and eyewitness memory; and, together with the Centre for Operational Policing Research, the psychology of police interrogations.

Jackie Hodgson and Kim Wade (Psychology) co-supervise a PhD student on the topic of police disclosure of evidence to suspects.

Dora Kostakopoulou hosted an interdisciplinary workshop on ‘Constitutionalisim(s) post 2008’. This event brought together a range of well-known international scholars working on political, societal, European and global constitutionalism.

Paul Raffield is currently writing his forthcoming monograph, Shakespeare and the Art of Law. This work develops ideas that were explored in his last book, Shakespeare’s Imaginary Constitution: Late Elizabethan Politics and the Theatre of Law (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2010).

“...my aim is to identify particular jurisprudential themes that emerge in the plays of Shakespeare (my current research examines the Jacobean period, while my last book concentrated on the last decade of Elizabethan rule), which reflect developments in law and politics during the period in which they were written. My links with the Department of English have been of great assistance, in enabling me to develop and refine ideas and themes. Several members of the department are Shakespearean scholars of outstanding international reputation, and their generous responses to my numerous queries have encouraged me to explore areas hitherto unknown to me.

At a practical level, it has been a great privilege for me to teach English undergraduate students alongside Law students, in a module administered by the English Department - Shakespeare and the Law. This gives me institutional access not only to the excellent English undergraduates, but also to the administrative and academic expertise of the department. Recently, I have worked with members of the English Department on the Global Shakespeare project: a partnership between Queen Mary, London and the University of Warwick that aims to shape the future research agenda in Shakespeare studies, encompassing criticism, performance, history and media.”

Ania Zbyzewska approaches her work on labour law and regulation of labour markets from an interdisciplinary, socio-legal, and explicitly feminist perspective. Her research examines how regulation of work articulates with other areas of social and economic policy and the gendered dimension of that nexus, as well as the social sustainability of regulatory regimes that it constitutes. In recent projects on the unintended gender consequences of standard working time norms, post-crisis labour law reforms adopted at the European Union (EU) level and in Poland, and the EU active aging policy agenda, she has combined legal analysis with theoretical and methodological approaches from gender studies, feminist political economy, and political science. Similarly, these disciplines inform her work on the dynamic and synergistic interactions between law and politics, particularly in multi-level, supranational governance contexts such as the European Union (EU), and under conditions of political-economic transformation.

The Global Research Priorities (GRP) programmes address some of the most challenging problems facing the world today, providing a platform for multidisciplinary research in 10 key areas of international significance, from food to sustainable cities, energy to innovative manufacturing.

This programme supports cross-departmental collaboration, enabling researchers to work together across departmental and disciplinary boundaries on issues of global importance.

James Harrison (Law) is the academic lead for the Global Governance GRP. The policy agenda is crowded with issues that are substantially global in nature, such as communications, conflict, ecology, energy, finance, health, labour standards and trade. The ways that these matters are handled (or mishandled) have profound implications for material welfare, social justice, democracy, peace, and perhaps even humanity’s very survival. In step with these vital concerns, the University of Warwick pursues a Global Research Priority in Global Governance (GRP-GG).

The Global Governance GRP has organised a wide range of events and activities over the past year, which have led to significant interactions and collaborations between researchers across a wide range of departments at Warwick and other institutions. In particular we would highlight a successful ESRC research grant bid entitled “Working Beyond the Border: European Union Trade Agreements and International Labour Standards”, which involves colleagues from law, politics and international studies, business and geography. We have also presented Warwick GRP-GG research in a variety of places, including at the UK Parliament where we were invited to present our work in relation to ‘Fairer trade and better business’.

Ann Stewart is Co-Lead of the Global Research Priorities Programme in International Development (GRP-ID) with Professor Shirin Rai from Politics and International Studies. The GRP-ID brings together researchers from across the University to address the key issues that shape development in a globalizing world and provides a bridge between research and policy through working with state and non-state actors in order to address issues of poverty reduction, social justice and inequality. It seeks to build on existing networks within Warwick to forge innovative and robust development solutions. The International Development GRP has organised a wide range of events and activities over the past year including hosting a lecture by Mark Lowcock, the Permanent Secretary at the UK’s Department for International Development, entitled ‘The End of Poverty?’; a seminar at Warwick entitled ‘Worlds Apart’ which enabled policy makers, civil society organisations and academics to address key issues relating to the responsibilities for unpaid care and its impact on women’s lives in both European and development contexts and a conference in conjunction with the Centre for Law and Governance at Jawaharlal Nehru University in the Another India series entitled ‘Law by Other Means: Picturing Law, Politics and Justice’. Each year the GRP focuses on a key theme. For 2014-2015, the theme has been Creative Economies and Cultural Activism. Since the 2013 UNESCO Hangzhou Congress, cultural policy and creativity has been seen as a powerful pathway to sustainable development in the face of the failure of purely social or economics-based policies. The GRP organised a series of events which built upon the annual GRP lecture which was delivered by Mike Van Graan, UNESCO technical advisor and Executive Director of the African Arts Institute, Cape Town and entitled ‘What’s Art got to do with International Development?’. The coming year promises a focus on law, social justice and development initiated by a conference to be held in September 2015 entitled ‘Beyond Law in Development: New Imaginaries of Law and Social Justice.’

Illan Wall has organised several interdisciplinary events, the first being with the Governance GRP and the Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS). The workshop brought together researchers from different disciplines at Warwick and externally to deepen discussions for a collaborative project on ‘post’ governance. Illan has also worked with Claire Blencowe from Sociology to organise a two day international conference to launch Authority and Political Technologies research group.

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Externally funded research

The Law School has a portfolio of externally-funded research covering a wide range of legal and socio-legal themes. Our staff are engaging in cutting edge, original research projects generating significant impact.

We have secured various external funding; this includes four research fellowships, two of these being the Leverhulme Major Research Fellowships, which will allow these distinguished researchers to devote themselves to a single research project. Philip Kaisary has also been awarded the prestigious Fulbright award.

Fellowships and Prizes

Kimberley Brownlee was awarded a three-year Philip Leverhulme Prize (£70,000). These prizes are designed to recognise and facilitate the work of outstanding young research scholars, who are making original and significant contributions to knowledge in their field with an international impact, and whose greatest achievements are expected to be still to come. Kimberley is using the funding to work on a substantial project on the ethics of sociability (including a book project under contract with Oxford University Press).

Philip Kaisary received a Fulbright award for one year, commencing in August 2015 at Vanderbilt University, Tennessee. This project will focus on the constitutionalism of the Haitian Revolution (1791-1804) and the interpretative archive it generated in the United States through 1865. Philip will explore Haiti’s early constituencies in order to examine how the former slaves of St Domingue sought to codify in law their vision of freedom. Since the relevant legislation is over 65 years old and is a consolidation of various statutes dating back to 1836 (and in a number of respects to 1753), this specifically draws on her knowledge of the historical context. The current project is a preliminary study involving research into domestic and comparative law, and discussion with key stakeholders, in order to identify and provide an initial analysis of the issues that need to be addressed in order to develop proposals for the reform of Haitian law. A scoping paper is due to be published by the end of 2015.

Victor Tadros holds a Major Research Fellowship from Leverhulme for £152,274. This project is concerned with the ethics of individual conduct before, during and after war. It is concerned with decisions whether to join the military, whether and how to participate in wars, when to follow orders, and what to do after the war is over. It looks at those decisions both from the perspective of soldiers deciding how to act, but also from the perspective of those who might respond to their actions either through preventive harm, or by holding them accountable for their actions.

Ania Zbyszewska received £10,000 from the Lund Fellowship scheme at Lund University to become a visiting research fellow, where Ania will spend three months (April-July 2015). Whilst there Ania has worked in parallel with other labour lawyers and members of the Law Faculty-based Norma and Elder Law Research Environments on a number of projects analysing European policies aimed at employment activation of older people, particularly women, and examining crosscutting social and policy tensions that are exposed when older workers re-enter labour markets or when they are unable to do so. This work tackles important questions about the adequacy of long-term development plans that hinge heavily on active aging, as they do in many countries facing demographic crises and at the EU level.

Rebecca Probert has been appointed as a special advisor to the Law Commission on their review of the law governing how and where people can marry in England and Wales. The review focuses on whether the current law provides a fair and coherent legal framework for enabling people to marry. Since the relevant legislation is over 65 years old and is a consolidation of various statutes dating back to 1836 (and in a number of respects to 1753), this specifically draws on her knowledge of the historical context. The current project is a preliminary study involving research into domestic and comparative law, and discussion with key stakeholders, in order to identify and provide an initial analysis of the issues that need to be addressed in order to develop proposals for the reform of English law. A scoping paper is due to be published by the end of 2015.

Funded Projects

Ania Aliverti received £10,000 from British Academy. This research aims to investigate the impact of immigration status on the decisions of defendant’s legal representatives. It is concerned with decisions whether to join the military, whether and how to participate in wars, when to follow orders, and what to do after the war is over. It looks at those decisions both from the perspective of soldiers deciding how to act, but also from the perspective of those who might respond to their actions either through preventive harm, or by holding them accountable for their actions.

Ania Aliverti has also been awarded £12,900 from the British Academy for the Rising Star Engagement Award (BARSEA). Ania is the co-host and leading organiser of a two-day international workshop entitled ‘Criminal Adjudication in the Age of Migration’ to take place in March 2016 at the University of Oxford. This workshop will bring together leading international scholars and early career researchers from various countries, doctoral students, policy makers and practitioners to shed light on the relevance of citizenship and immigration status in criminal justice decision-making.

The theme of the workshop is associated to Ania’s current research project, funded by the British Academy and the Leverhulme that examines the impact of immigration status and citizenship on the treatment of defendants before the criminal justice system.

Kimberley Brownlee was awarded £48,000 from the Independent Social Research Foundation (ISRF). This two-year project entitled ‘Working Beyond the Border? European Union Trade Agreements and International Labour Standards’ examines the emergence and impacts of a new generation of European Union free trade agreements on labour standards in the fields and factories of the global economy. The project brings together a multi-disciplinary team from economic geography (Adria Smith, from Queen Mary’s), business and management (Liam Campbell, GMU), law (James Harrison, Warwick) and international political economy (Ben Richardson, Warwick).

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Maebh Harding was awarded a Leverhulme grant of £106,453 to look at ‘How do County Courts share care of children between parents?’. In December 2013, a briefer document on the initial findings of Nuffield Project was submitted to the House of Lords in advance of the debate on 31 January 2014. The briefer document was referred to in the debate and was influential to the vote which amended the section to make clear to parents that there is no legal presumption of equal time in the post dispute child care pattern.

The final report was published in May 2015 and has received a good deal of media attention with coverage in the Independent, Times and Telegraph. The final report improves the evidence base for assessment of the efficiency of recent reforms to the family justice system. Maebh was also successful in obtaining funding from the ESRC Impact Acceleration Account, so that hard copies of the report could be printed. Maebh is currently working on distribution to maximise the impact of the report as part of a targeted dissemination strategy.

The Nuffield webpage for the project is: www.nuffieldfoundation.org/how-do-county-counts-share-care-children-between-parents which gives full details of the grant and the reports.

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The research undertaken by colleagues across the Law School has influenced debates and policies in a number of ways, including direct impacts on policy, engaging with policy-makers and professional organisations, and informing public debate.

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A number of colleagues also have significant roles with organisations that draw on their research. Within the UK, Charlotte Woodhead serves as a member of the UK Museums Association Ethics committee and is involved in the current redrafting of the MA Code of Ethics, about which she has researched in the past. Fiona Smith is a member of the DEFRA HM Treasury Expert Advisory Group ‘Balance of Competence Review: Agriculture and Trade’ and gave oral and written advice to the committee in January 2014. She is also a member of the Expert Advisory Group to the Yorkshire Agricultural Society on the potential impact of UK withdrawal from the EU and of the European Commission Working Group on EU Food Safety in Nutrition in 2010. John McEldowney is Chair of the Study of Parliament Group and through its networks and activities informs Parliament on issues such as devolution, a written/codified constitution for the UK and assented procedures of the House of Commons including the appointment of the Clerk. Jackie Hodgson is an elected member of the Council of JUSTICE and provides expert advice where JUSTICE intervenes in cases, as well as more generally.

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Various launches have also been held in order to bring work to the attention of policy-makers. The Centre for Human Rights in Practice has recently launched a report by Centre Fellow Alison Struthers entitled ‘Building Blocks for Improving Human Rights Education within Initial Teacher Education in Scotland’. The launch was attended by key figures in human rights education in Scotland including Tam Baillie (Scotland’s Commissioner for Children and Young People), and Charlotte Dyer (Global Education Adviser at Scotec). A launch event for Andrew Williams’ new collection of essays ‘Law and Justice: Revisited?’ edited with Gráinne de Búrca and Dmitry Kochenov was held at LSE in June, which also hosted a debate between Justice Giuliano Amato (former Prime Minister of Italy and Constitutional Judge) and Professor Christian Joerges (Hertie School of Governance, Berlin). The debate continued on blogs and in print at various outlets. The Centre for Criminal Justice has also been active, with Jackie Hodgson and Celine Tan participating in their research report on Prisoners’ Penfriends. Sponsored by Lord Ramsbotham, this was held in the House of Lords and was attended by the Ministry of Justice, the Prison Service and other organisations which work with prisoners, as well as ex-prisoners, volunteers and trustees from Prisoners’ Penfriends.

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There have also been various engagements with the professional community. In February 2014, Maebh Harding (with Annika Nevenhoven) presented their initial findings from their Nuffield-funded research at the Family Justice Council Interdisciplinary Conference, ‘Family Justice Redefined?’ Maebh also liaised with Senior Council Gerard Dangan in making submissions to the Irish Supreme Court in the recent case on the definition of motherhood under Irish law. In October 2014 Kimberley Brownlee delivered a lecture in Dublin on ‘Conscience, Professionalism, and the Lawyer’, to the Law Society of Ireland as part of their CPD program in Ireland. About 100 people attended the lecture and 855 Irish-based solicitors participated and completed the online feedback course that was based on it.

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Visitors to the Law School

Dr Peter Billings from The University of Queensland visited the School in June 2014. During his visit Peter worked with Dallal Stevens on a piece for submission to the International & Comparative Law Quarterly on the comparison of protection between UK and Australian asylum law and policies.

Renifa Madenga from the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda visited the School in April 2014. Her study explores the lived reality and experience of rape survivors of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. It examines the fears, needs, relationships and anxieties that affect survivors of rape committed during the Rwandan genocide and their interactions with the international criminal justice system (ICJS) at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR).

Dr Katia Laura Sidali from Georg-August University of Gottingen visited the School in March 2014. Dr. Sidali’s work focuses on the socio-economics of geographical indications in a cross-country perspective. Under the supervision of Dwijen Rangnekar, she evaluated the material collected in Germany and Italy from 2011 to 2013. A common publication is targeted in the field of international law international politics.

Corinna Ujkasevic, a doctoral researcher from the University of Cologne, Germany, visited the Criminal Justice Centre in the Law School between January and March 2015. Her research interests lie in human rights and criminal procedure. She is currently working on her PhD thesis about modes of compensation for procedural errors in criminal proceedings in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights. She will try to find cross-connections between the different compensation methods to answer the following question: what do member states need to do to compensate procedural errors during the criminal process (before trial), so that the European Court of Human Rights does not rule against it for breach of Article 6 ECHR?

Michael Light from Purdue University visited the School of Law during June 2015. During his visit, Michael held a research seminar for staff and postgraduate students on ‘Punishing the “Others”: Citizenship and State Social Control in the United States and Germany’. Whilst at Warwick, Michael will be working with Ana Aliverti on drafting a funding application to expand on their research throughout the UK and on larger research collaborations between Warwick and Purdue that will benefit faculty and students at both universities. A major focus of this collaboration will be on the training and mentoring of highly-qualified graduates and law students in socio-legal studies at Warwick and Purdue.

Protecting Young Suspects during interview: A study on safeguards and best practices
Jackie Hodgson, European Commission

Together with colleagues in four other EU states, Professor Jackie Hodgson has been awarded a European Commission Action grant of €375,000 for the project. The objective of this two year project is to inform the EU Directive on safeguards for juveniles and to strengthen the protection of young suspects during interrogation by the police in the EU. The project consists of a comparative empirical study of the different legal procedural safeguards in place in Belgium, England and Wales, Italy, Poland and the Netherlands. Based on these findings, this will be followed by professional training and recommendations for minimum EU rules and best practice.

A conference at Maastricht University in January 2015 marked the final phase of this two-year research project. During the conference the main results of the project’s legal and empirical study – carried out in five EU Member States – were presented and discussed including the following questions: How are juvenile suspects currently protected during interrogations in the investigative stage? Which general patterns can be distinguished from the existing legal frameworks and observed practices? Which good practices follow from the legal and empirical research? And finally: Which minimum rules for the effective protection of juvenile suspects during interrogation can be derived from the analysis and merging of the legal and the empirical results?

The first part of the research project resulted in the publication of ‘Interrogating Young Suspects - Procedural Safeguards from a Legal Perspective’ (Pantavolta, M., de Vocht, D., Van Oosterhout, M. and Vanderhallen, M. (eds) (2015) Intersentia) which presents a legal comparative study into existing legal procedural safeguards for juvenile suspects during interrogation in the five selected Member States. Parts 2 and 3 of the research project and a final merging of the legal and empirical findings resulting in a proposal for European minimum rules and best practice on the protection of juvenile suspects during interrogation will be published in a separate, second volume (‘Interrogating Young Suspects: Procedural Safeguards from an Empirical Perspective’).
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